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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

Kunio SHIOTA et al.)

Application No.: 09/881,748)

Filed: June 18, 2001)

For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING)
CELLS USING DNA)
METHYLATION PATTERNS)

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: Jerry LIN

Confirmation No. 8762

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Sir:

PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 18, 2006. A request to charge the fee of \$1,020.00 is included with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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